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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: AMGT

SUBJECT: AFSA SANTIAGO DIRECTORY

RE:STATE 217046

1. UPON RECEIPT OF STATE 208606 WE CALLED IN PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF LOCAL AFSA CHAPTER AND REITERATED THE POINTS OUTLINED IN PARA 2 OF THAT TELEGRAM. WE HAD USED ROUGHLY THE SAME ARGUMENTS WITH AFSA SANTIAGO EARLIER. THE REACTION OF THE LOCAL LEADERS WAS THAT OUR REPRESENTATIONS CONSTITUTED ADDITIONAL HOT AIR RHETORIC ON THE SUBJECT. THEY DID, HOWEVER, STATE THAT THEY WOULD REPEAT OUR POSITION TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER AND REPORT BACK TO US. WE WILL CABLE THE OFFICIAL REACTION OF THE LOCAL AFSA CHAPTER AS SOON AS IHFIS RECEIVED. HOWEVER, ON THE BASIS OF THE VIEWS OF THE LEADERSHIP, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THE CHAPTER WILL ACCOMMODATE MANAGEMENT ON THIS MATTER.

2. COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH DEPARTMENT'S VIEW (PARA 4 OF STATE 208606) THAT THE MATTER OF A LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY IS WELL WITHIN THE AMBASSADOR'S STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF EMPLOYEE-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS BY SECTION 8(B) AND (C) OF E.O. 11636. CLEARLY THE ISSUANCE OF A LAWFUL ORDER FORBIDDING PUBLICATION OF THE LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A PROPER BASIS FOR AN UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE BY AFSA. THIS, HOWEVER, IS NOT THE PROBLEM. THE PROBLEM IS WHAT DO WE DO IF THE AMBASSADOR ISSUES

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A LAWFUL ORDER AND AFSA SANTIAGO IGNORES IT AND GOES AHEAD AND

PUBLISHES THE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, ON ITS OWN TIME AND  
USING ITS OWN RESOURCES.

3. WITH RESPECT TO AFSA WASHINGTON'S INQUIRY REGARDING  
SUBSTANCE OF THE FYI PARA IN STATE 208606, WE BELIEVE  
IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO INFORM THEM OF THE DEPARTMENT'S  
VIEW. SWE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHEN THE DEPARTMENT  
WILL DO THIS SO THAT WE MAY INFORM THE LOCAL CHAPTER  
SIMULTANEOUSLY. WE DO NOT WANT TO BE IN THE POSITION OF  
HAVING THE LOCAL AFSA CHAPTER INFORMED BY AFSA WASHINGTON  
OF THE SUBSTANCE OF AN FYI PARA DRAFTED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
FOR THE AMBASSADOR.  
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